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1. During the second half of May the Bulgarian parliament passed a law reducing the previously required ten years' residence for acquiring Bulgarian citizenship to four years and authorizing the Council of Ministers to grant Bulgarian citizenship in special cases without even this reduced resident requirement.

2. In commenting upon this new law, the informant stated that it was obviously intended to permit Soviet citizens employed by the Bulgarian state and industry to acquire Bulgarian citizenship. Such an enactment would permit the Soviet authorities to deny that they have placed Soviet citizens in key posts throughout Bulgaria and would likewise permit the USSR to send Soviet agents abroad as Bulgarian citizens.

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